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# SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

## THE INSPECTORS

OF THE

# STATE ALMSHOUSE

AT

## TEWKSBURY.

*Mass.*

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## INSPECTORS' REPORT.

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*To His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Council.*

The Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, respectfully present their Sixteenth Annual Report.

For all details relative to the condition of the institution—such as repairs, improvements, current expenses, and the sanitary condition of the inmates, we refer you to the accompanying reports of the Superintendent, and Physician.

From these reports you will readily see what has been done with the money intrusted to us by the Commonwealth, and how far and how wisely the objects of the institution have been carried out.

In order fully to understand the condition of this institution, and the duties of its officers, the people of the Commonwealth must bear in mind, what many forget, that this is the only “*almshouse*” of the State, instead of *one* of *three*, as formerly. That although the houses at Bridgewater and Monson are supported by the State, they are, in their nature, reformatory institutions, and not like this, mere receptacles of the abandoned of the hospitals and reformatories, as well as those from the community at large whom pauperism, crime and insanity have deprived of every aim and hope in life.

Add to this that this class is wholly from the foreign population of the State, and then some true idea can be formed of the degraded and unfortunate class here who cry for charity.

This is the class intrusted to our care—the class over whom duty demands and instinct impels us to throw every protection that is consistent with the rights of those who bear the burden and expense. Impelled by such a spirit, the officers of the various departments of this institution have endeavored to perform their respective duties.

Notwithstanding the large number of deaths during the year, as appears in the medical report, it will be seen that the number is proportionately less than in any previous year, and that a very large proportion of those who have died, were actually in a dying condition before they entered these doors.

From what motive patients are brought here in such a condition, it is difficult to understand, unless to avoid the trouble and expense of burial.

No epidemic nor unusual disease has prevailed during the year, but the same sad story must be told, of misery and suffering, caused by intemperance and kindred vices.

The last legislature appropriated ten thousand dollars for a hospital, to be expended under the supervision of the Board of State Charities. We believe that nothing has been done as yet beyond the consideration of some plans for the building. We hope that during the coming year, we shall see this building completed and ready for use.

Under the Resolve of 1868 appropriating six thousand dollars, and that of 1869 appropriating fifteen hundred dollars, for the construction of cisterns, reservoirs, and the purchase of apparatus for the better protection of the almshouse from fire, a work has been completed of incalculable advantage to the institution. A large reservoir has been constructed on the high land south of the main building, with cisterns in the main yard having a capacity of over thirty thousand gallons.

The amount of water has far exceeded our highest anticipations, and we have reason to think that the supply will be nearly, if not quite sufficient for the domestic purposes of the house.

The primary object of this work, protection from fire, has been completely secured, so far as any of the ordinary means of protection can secure it.

The land which was purchased last year has been greatly



improved by clearing and drainage, by the labor of the inmates, under the supervision of Mr. Poor, the efficient farmer.

This work has had the double advantage of giving additional value to the land, and affording a healthful employment to the idle hands and vacant minds of many of the insane.

The school, which has been small, has been under the instruction of Miss Mansur for the whole year, and we consider it very fortunate that a school offering so few attractions, has retained the services of a teacher so efficient and accomplished.

Under an Act of the last legislature, a special agency for visiting indentured children, was created, which superseded the agency appointed by the Inspectors, and which had been in successful operation for two years. This agency has been productive of great good to the indentured children, and has been the means of correcting many gross abuses. The agency established last year by the legislature was only an experiment for one year, and as it is substantially the same in its objects and means of operation as that established by this Board, the only practical question for the consideration of the legislature will be, which agency will be the most economical to the State.

We trust that the recommendations of the Superintendent will meet the approval of those in authority, as we believe that nothing is asked for which is not absolutely needed for the convenient and economical administration of the affairs of the institution.

We would notice, with the highest commendation, the efficiency and fidelity of the officers of the various departments.

Commending the institution with all its interests, to a kind Providence, which has, with the returning harvest, again filled our store-houses with its lavish bounties, may we not hope that the old Commonwealth, renowned for its well directed charities, will continue "*freely to give,*" as it has "*freely received.*"

F. H. NOURSE,  
BENJ. C. PERKINS,  
GEO. P. ELLIOT,

*Inspectors.*

## SALARIES.

Francis H. Nourse, (Inspector,) . . . . .	\$160 00
Benjamin C. Perkins, (Inspector,) . . . . .	160 00
George P. Elliot, (Inspector,) . . . . .	160 00
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	\$480 00
Thomas J. Marsh, (Superintendent,) }	
Mrs. Marsh, (Matron,) }	1,800 00
Joseph D. Nichols, (Physician,) . . . . .	1,200 00
Thomas J. Marsh, Jr., (Ass't Sup't and Clerk,) }	
Mrs. Marsh, (Seamstress,) }	1,008 00
John H. Cocker, (Engineer,) . . . . .	735 00
James Poor, (Farmer,) . . . . .	600 00
Amos K. Stevens, }	
Mrs. Stevens, }	(Supervisors of the Insane,) . . . 704 19
Charles O. Newell, (Watchman,) to Feb. 1, }	
Mrs. Newell, (Laundress,) to Dec. 1, . }	154 67
Charles Hill, (Watchman,) from Feb. 1, to July 7, .	134 96
William T. Cocker, (Watchman,) from July 7, to Sept. 1,	40 00
David A. Gorham, (Watchman,) from Sept. 1, }	
Mrs. Gorham, (Ass't Matron,) from Sept. 1, }	44 44
George G. Spofford, (Teamster,) . . . . .	360 00
Abraham S. Barnard, (Cook,) . . . . .	360 00
James C. Poor, (Herdsman and Butcher,) . . . . .	390 00
Charles E. Clark, (Assistant-Farmer,) . . . . .	360 00
Elbridge A. Batchelder, (Assistant-Farmer,) . . . . .	299 50
John H. Batchelder, (Assistant-Farmer,) to April 1, .	150 00
Stephen Brooks, (Assistant-Farmer,) from May 1, to July 6, . . . . .	55 82
Clarence B. Sanborn, (Gatekeeper,) to March 1, . . .	135 00
Nancy M. Foster, (Assistant-Matron,) . . . . .	208 00
Martha B. Marsh, (Assistant-Matron,) . . . . .	208 00
Addie A. Emerson, (Assistant-Matron,) to Aug. 15, .	181 34
Hannah M. Mansur, (Teacher,) . . . . .	208 00
Mary B. Fifield, (Nurse,) to March 6, . . . . .	86 80

Lucretia O. Webster, (Hospital Cook,) July 1, to Sept.

1, . . . . .	\$36 40
Huldah Boyns, (Hospital Cook,) to Feb. 1, . . . .	69 34
Louis Pleau, (Baker,) to Nov. 13, . . . .	86 00
William F. Holt, (Baker,) from Nov. 13, . . . .	421 33
Henry J. Moulton, (Assistant-Clerk,) . . . .	360 00
Rodolphus Nichols, (Blacksmith,) to June 1, . .	375 00
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	\$11,251 79

In conformity with the statutes of the Commonwealth, the following exhibit of the annual inventory of the real estate and personal property for 1869, is presented :—

Live stock, . . . . .		\$9,825 00
Carriages and agricultural tools, . . . . .		3,640 13
Machinery and mechanical tools, . . . . .		18,138 70
Beds and bedding, . . . . .		16,390 28
Other furniture and property, . . . . .		7,384 66
Personal property in the Superintendent's department, . . . . .		7,868 58
Ready-made clothing, . . . . .		12,357 95
Dry goods, . . . . .		334 28
Provisions and groceries, . . . . .		4,963 43
Drugs and medicines, . . . . .		546 59
Fuel, . . . . .		11,116 20
Library, . . . . .		412 50
Products of the farm on hand, . . . . .		8,145 15
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		\$101,118 45
Real estate (buildings,) . . . . .	\$135,109 67	
Land, . . . . .	21,629 22	
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Total, . . . . .		\$257,857 34

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true schedule and appraisal of the personal property and real estate at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury belonging to the State, September 30, 1869. The appraisal was made by me and is correct according to my best judgment.

(Signed,)

GEORGE FOSTER,  
*Appraiser.*

Then personally appeared before me George Foster, and made oath that the above schedule and appraisal is correct, according to his best knowledge and belief.

*Tewksbury, Middlesex, ss., Oct. 12, 1869.* Subscribed and sworn to before me.

(Signed,)

RICHARD TOLMAN,  
*Justice of the Peace.*



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Inspectors of the State Almshouse, Tewksbury.*

GENTLEMEN:—The period has arrived when both law and custom require a statement of the affairs of this institution. I therefore respectfully submit this, the Sixteenth Annual Report, with the usual tables of comparison, &c.

I find the whole number supported during the year to have been twenty-one hundred and forty, three hundred and fifty-seven less than appears by the table of admissions, these last being mere nominal admissions, and entered simply that a record of names may be preserved. The actual average weekly number supported, is seven hundred and ten, at a gross cost of seventy-eight thousand three hundred thirty-one dollars and nineteen cents,—which is two dollars and twelve cents for the support of each one of the seven hundred and ten persons, per week. It must be understood that this amount covers the entire cash expenditure for all purposes for the year.

Our experience during the past year has been similar to that of previous years, and an attempt to elaborate would be simply a repetition of what has already been said. I trust, however, I may be permitted to repeat, that in my judgment, the system of State charities as now administered, is most beneficent toward the needy, as well as economical for the Commonwealth, inasmuch as the poor and friendless are kindly cared for, the abandoned and profligate punished, while the State is being freed from those who, without right, are constantly thrusting themselves upon her generosity. Of this class, 120 have been sentenced during the year from this institution to the State Workhouse at Bridgewater. The whole number sentenced since the workhouse was established is 566.

We now have about two hundred and fifty acres of land.

We can, therefore, for the present, find employment for all the laborers that *we have* and for all that we are *likely to have*.

Our crops, in the main, are good; our onion crop is an exception. In consequence of the ravages of the potato bug, our potato crop is considerably diminished; nevertheless I think we shall have enough to carry us through.

The sanitary condition of the institution is excellent. By consulting the report of the Resident Physician, a very gratifying fact will be noticed, viz.: the small number of deaths as compared with the number of last year, and a still further examination will show how large is the number of those who come in the last stages of sickness, in fact come to die. The general good health of all the others will, I have no doubt, convince you as it has me, that our Physician is fully equal to the duties to which he has been appointed.

We have had preaching nearly every Sabbath, and the different clergymen of the vicinity, from most of the denominations, have been invited. Their labors have been very satisfactory and interesting, and I hope not without some profit. The Catholic clergy also have made their weekly visits, and so far as I can learn, have been kindly received. Their ministrations appear to have given much satisfaction.

Our school is still under the care of Miss H. M. Mansur. It is small and constantly changing, therefore but little progress can be made. I suppose, however, the State would be unwilling to give up the teaching of the few who are here from necessity. Miss Mansur has been as careful in sowing the seed as though the field had been one of more promise.

The buildings are in comfortable repair. I think they should be painted next year.

The legislature appropriated last session a sum of money for the erection of some hospital buildings. As yet nothing has been done beyond furnishing the Board of State Charities with a rough plan for their consideration.

We still feel the need of more barn accommodations. I wish, therefore, to renew the recommendation of last year for an addition to the barn, and a new piggery.

With the money appropriated for the better protection of the premises against fire, I would say we have supplied a powerful steam-pump, five hundred feet of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch leather

hose, and have built in the area, in the rear of the main building, fifteen cisterns which will hold 33,000 gallons of water, supplied good hydrants, and laid to the reservoir upon the hill some sixteen hundred feet of 6 inch cast-iron pipe; there an opening has been made, two bulkheads built, &c., and there is at present a supply of water sufficient to meet almost any emergency. I think a supply of water from that source is already an assured success.

To all the officers who have been associated with me in the administration of the affairs of the institution the present year, I tender my most sincere thanks. I am aware that the duties are always difficult, and sometimes burdensome. I have witnessed their fidelity to duty, and also the kindly spirit with which these duties have been performed.

To you, gentlemen, who have so long watched over the interests of this institution, allow me to say, that I am under renewed obligations for your kindness to me and mine, and for the friendly manner in which all your suggestions have been made. I hope our pleasant relations may continue while we are associated in the management of this trust, and that our united efforts may result in promoting the best good of all who may be placed under our care.

I remain, yours truly,

THOMAS J. MARSH,  
*Superintendent.*



## STATEMENT NO. 1.

There has been much diversity of opinion in regard to the proper method of computing the cost *per capita* of supporting the inmates of institutions of this character; but nothing can be more simple, and more devoid of disputable points than the two modes of reckoning, which are herewith presented. One method embraces the gross, the other the net expenditure.

Cash on hand October 1, 1868, . . . . .	\$1,295 77
Cash since drawn from the Treasury, . . . . .	82,437 72
Total debit, . . . . .	<u>\$83,733 49</u>

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Cash on hand, . . . . .	\$745 83
Balances in banks, . . . . .	3,275 62
Cash received by General Agent of State Charities for board of inmates, . . . . .	1,380 85
	<u>5,402 30</u>
Gross expenditures, . . . . .	<u>\$78,331 19</u>

Dividing the amount of gross expenditures by 710, the average weekly number during the year, the result will be an average yearly cost of \$110.32. Dividing by 52, we find that the average weekly cost *per capita* to be \$2.12.

To ascertain the net expenditures, the increase in the appraisal of 1869, over that of 1868—\$4,510.87—is deducted from the amount of gross expenditures, (\$78,331.19,) which leaves \$73,820.32. Dividing this amount by 710, the net yearly cost is \$103.97, which is equivalent to an average weekly cost of  $\$1.99\frac{4}{5}$ , or within a very small fraction of \$2.00.

Another method of reckoning the cost can be reached by deducting from the amount of net expenditures, (\$73,820.32,) the amount expended for improvements, services of the visiting agent to indentured children, and services of the trial justice, (\$2,820.59,) which cannot be justly charged to the actual support of the inmates, and which is considered as extraordinary expenditures. This method will leave \$70,999.73 as the amount of current expenses, and will result in an average yearly cost of \$100.00, and a weekly cost of  $\$1.92\frac{4}{13}$ .

By adding to the amount of net expenditures (\$73,820.32,) the amount of the valuation of the dairy products, the products of the hennery, and meats slaughtered from the stock of the farm during the year, which is \$9,543.21, the addition results in the sum of \$83,363.53, which may be considered as the actual cost of support of both officers and inmates during the year. Reckoning the weekly average of officers at 30, we have an average of 740 people. Dividing \$83,363.53 by 740, the result will be an average yearly

cost of \$112.65, which is equal to a weekly cost of  $\$2.16\frac{2}{5}$ , or nearly five cents more than the gross cash expenses.

Judging from the result of the above computations, we deem it safe to consider the average weekly cost *per capita* of supporting the inmates of the institution during the past year, as being two dollars; and the average of the four different ways above submitted will be found to be  $\$2.05\frac{2}{5}$ .

#### STATEMENT No. 2.

Number in the house at the commencement of the year,	636
Admitted during the year,	1,861
Discharged,	1,807
Supported,	2,497
Deaths,	194
Births,	52
Weekly average,	710
Present number,	690

Of the 1,861 admitted during the year, there were from

Boston,	1,219
Lowell,	103
Births,	52
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	49
Lawrence,	47
Tewksbury,	39
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	38
State Almshouse, Monson,	36
Cambridge,	26
Salem,	26
Chelsea,	20
State Almshouse, Bridgewater,	20
Charlestown,	17
Lynn,	15
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	15
Newburyport,	13
Gloucester,	9
Waltham,	8
Winchester,	8
Andover,	7
Newton,	6
Shirley,	6
Somerville,	6
Malden and West Roxbury, 5 each,	10
Danvers, Haverhill, Peabody and Woburn, 4 each,	16
Chelmsford, Fitchburg, Hopkinton, Salisbury and Stoneham, 3 each,	15
Arlington, Beverly, Brighton, Burlington, Dracut, Lexington, Medford, Natick, Newbury, Wakefield and Watertown, 2 each,	22



Amesbury, Bedford, Billerica, Concord, Framingham, Hudson, Ipswich, Marblehead, North Andover, Sherborn, State Nautical School, Weston and Winchendon, 1 each, . . . . .	13
	1,861

The following table shows the number admitted each month, age when admitted, and sex :—

MONTHS.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Under 10.	Between 10 and 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Over 80.
October, . .	111	58	53	19	14	23	14	11	13	7	9	1
November, .	151	81	70	28	13	36	28	20	11	11	4	—
December, .	186	116	70	25	28	37	35	19	19	12	9	2
January, . .	153	93	60	16	14	52	26	16	18	8	2	1
February, .	96	59	37	12	13	28	16	9	9	6	1	2
March, . .	111	58	53	18	8	26	15	16	11	8	7	2
April, . . .	108	52	56	25	7	20	19	15	6	7	7	2
May, . . .	102	51	51	15	9	20	20	12	6	11	6	3
June, . . .	95	54	41	22	8	30	13	6	5	4	4	3
July, . . .	130	58	72	28	11	26	26	17	7	6	7	2
August, . .	118	68	50	27	12	20	16	18	9	13	2	1
September, .	500	299	201	78	55	127	94	62	31	27	21	5
	1,861	1,047	814	313	192	445	322	221	145	120	79	24

STATEMENT No. 3.

Nativity of Inmates.

Ireland, . . . . .	729
Massachusetts, . . . . .	363
England, . . . . .	129
British Provinces, . . . . .	111
Maine, . . . . .	68
New York, . . . . .	62
New Hampshire, . . . . .	50
Scotland, . . . . .	43
Unknown, . . . . .	39
Germany, . . . . .	30

Pennsylvania, . . . . .	29
Maryland, . . . . .	25
West Indies, . . . . .	22
Virginia, . . . . .	18
Vermont, . . . . .	17
Connecticut, . . . . .	17
Rhode Island, . . . . .	11
Ohio, . . . . .	10
Louisiana, . . . . .	8
France, . . . . .	8
South Carolina, . . . . .	8
Illinois, . . . . .	7
New Jersey and North Carolina, 5 each, . . . . .	10
Georgia and Sweden, 4 each, . . . . .	8
Florida, Missouri and Prussia, 3 each, . . . . .	9
Austria, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Spain and Switzerland 2 each, . . . . .	10
Africa, Alabama, at Sea, Belgium, Bermuda, California, Delaware, Denmark, East Indies, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Holland, Italy, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Norway, Texas and Wales, 1 each, . . . . .	20
	<hr/> 1,861

## STATEMENT NO. 4.

*Cash Disbursements.*

Agent, visiting, to indentured children, services of, and expenses incurred by, . . . . .	\$832 51
Beans, 129 bushels, . . . . .	364 05
Beef, (fresh) 58,836 pounds, . . . . .	5,562 25
Beef, (salt,) 136 barrels, . . . . .	2,254 02
Books, newspapers, postage and stationery, . . . . .	381 04
Brooms, 32 dozen, . . . . .	152 50
Cement, lime and plaster, . . . . .	277 70
Chaplain, services of, . . . . .	165 00
Clothing, . . . . .	1,097 88
Coal, 1,477 tons, . . . . .	12,090 86
Coffee, 210 pounds, . . . . .	113 54
Corn, 2,100 bushels, . . . . .	2,438 00
Cotton cloth, 4,460 yards, . . . . .	694 79
Crockery and glass ware, . . . . .	151 08
Dry goods, . . . . .	2,178 18
Flour, 1,213 barrels, . . . . .	10,215 00
Fish, (salt and fresh,) 44,000 pounds, . . . . .	1,843 68
Furniture, . . . . .	597 80
Groceries, . . . . .	394 07
Hardware, . . . . .	154 96

Hay, (English,) 38 tons, . . . . .	\$633 38
Hay, (meadow,) 77 tons, . . . . .	846 71
Hay, (salt,) 13 tons, . . . . .	178 40
Hops, 258 pounds, . . . . .	54 50
Improvements, . . . . .	1,868 08
Labor, . . . . .	928 22
Lumber, . . . . .	1,022 46
Malt, . . . . .	24 00
Meal, (cotton seed,) 10 tons, . . . . .	403 00
Meats and provisions, . . . . .	887 43
Medicines, . . . . .	531 88
Milch cows, . . . . .	310 00
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	451 69
Molasses, 1,836 gallons, . . . . .	1,015 65
Mutton, 3,017 pounds, . . . . .	372 95
Oats, 192 bushels, . . . . .	174 18
Oil, 1,379 gallons, . . . . .	1,178 73
Paints, oils and colors, . . . . .	46 73
Pasturage, . . . . .	224 50
Pepper, 175 pounds, . . . . .	90 00
Peas, 89 bushels, . . . . .	200 59
Potatoes, 418 bushels, . . . . .	334 40
Repairs, . . . . .	2,964 37
Rice, 2,529 pounds, . . . . .	227 41
Rye, 30 bushels, . . . . .	48 76
Salaries, . . . . .	11,251 79
Salt, . . . . .	199 25
Seeds, . . . . .	167 22
Shoe stock and tools, . . . . .	241 90
Shorts, 77 tons, . . . . .	2,139 50
Shoes, . . . . .	217 24
Soap stock, 9,190 pounds, . . . . .	737 73
Starch, 334 pounds, . . . . .	39 26
Stoves, . . . . .	125 00
Sugar, 11,189 pounds, . . . . .	1,666 06
Surgical instruments, . . . . .	40 00
Tea, 2,008 pounds, . . . . .	1,727 77
Tin ware, . . . . .	19 89
Tobacco, 1,259 pounds, . . . . .	375 60
Tools, (agricultural,) . . . . .	234 79
Tools, (mechanical,) . . . . .	328 95
Trial justice, services of, . . . . .	120 00
Transportation of freight, . . . . .	4,970 30
Transportation of passengers, . . . . .	671 28
Vinegar, 416 gallons, . . . . .	131 88
Wooden-ware, . . . . .	55 38

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 \$82,437 72

## STATEMENT No. 5.

*Products of the Farm.*

20 bushels onions.	110 tons English hay.
3,427 " potatoes.	3½ " meadow hay.
330 " corn, (estimated.)	18 " corn fodder.
12 " millet seed.	10,500 heads cabbage.
15 " early beans.	300 " cauliflowers.
3 " seed pease.	8,000 " lettuce.
20 " pop corn.	200 " celery.
25 " parsnips.	5,610 pounds squashes.
400 " tomatoes.	300 bunches parsley.
40 " cucumbers.	36 barrels water melons.
175 " turnip-beets.	20 " musk melons.
150 " green pease.	20 " apples.
150 " sweet corn.	1,550 pounds rhubarb.
48 tons turnips.	500 cords manure.
11 " carrots.	73 cords wood.
20 " mangel-wurzel.	

The meats slaughtered from the stock of the farm amount to—

22,528 pounds pork.	517 pounds chickens.
3,840 " beef.	489 " hides.
390 " veal.	4 calfskins.

Dairy product, 18,312 gallons milk. | Eggs, 826 dozen.





1869. Oct. 1,	1869. Oct. 1,	
To amount on hand, . . . .	\$1,295 77	By cash paid State Treasurer, . . . .
amount received for articles sold, . .	1,197 51	balance in Appleton National Bank, Lowell, . . . .
amount received from effects of inmates who have died or absconded, . .	104 62	balance in Second National Bank of Boston, . . . .
amount received from freight, . .	126 75	cash on hand, . . . .
amount drawn as deficiency of 1868, transferred to 1869, . . . .	396 00	
amount from other sources, . . . .	900 80	
	\$4,021 45	\$4,021 45

THOS. J. MARSH, *Superintendent.*

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing account of Thomas J. Marsh with the Commonwealth, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. H. NOURSE,  
BENJ. C. PERKINS, } *Inspectors.*  
GEO. P. ELLIOT,

STATEMENT No. 7.

[Special Appropriation for the Purchase of Land.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS *in account with* FRANCIS H. NOURSE, BENJAMIN C. PERKINS *and* GEORGE P. ELLIOT, *Inspectors.*

Dr.

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1868. Apr. 22,	To amount of appropriation, Chap. 26, Resolves of 1868, . . . . .	1869.	
		Sept. 30,	By amount reported expended in last Report, . . . . .
		\$5,000 00	\$4,418 60
			unexpended balance, . . . . .
		\$5,000 00	581 40
			\$5,000 00

STATEMENT No. 8.

[Special Appropriation for the Better Protection of the Institution from Fire.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS *in account with* FRANCIS H. NOURSE, BENJAMIN C. PERKINS *and* GEORGE P. ELLIOT, *Inspectors.*

Dr.

Cr.

1868.			1869.		
Apr. 21,	To amount of appropriation, Chap. 23, Resolves of 1868, . . . . .	\$6,000 00	Sept. 30,	By cash paid for carpenters' labor, . . .	\$415 22
1869.	amount of additional appropriation, Chap. 25, Resolves of 1869, . . .	1,500 00		for services of civil engineer, . . .	18 00
				for hardware, . . . . .	12 82
				for lumber, . . . . .	509 83
				for nails, . . . . .	26 63
				for cisterns, construction of, . . .	1,030 57
				for iron pipe, . . . . .	2,627 87
				for pipe fixtures and labor, . . .	365 32
				for fire pump and fixtures, . . .	967 59
				for freight, . . . . .	26 15
				for hose and fixtures, . . . . .	866 80
				unexpended balance, . . . . .	633 20
		\$7,500 00			\$7,500 00

REPORT ON THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Inspectors of the Tewksbury State Almshouse.*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with established custom you are herewith presented with the Annual Report of the condition of the medical department of this institution for the year ending September 30, 1869, and which makes the sixteenth annual Report of this department.

The year just closed has not been marked with anything strange or uncommon. We have pursued the “even tenor of our way,” encountering the usual amount of the ordinary “ills that flesh is heir to,” but have been spared by a merciful Providence from the visitation of any of those epidemics which sometimes make such fearful ravages in crowded institutions like ours.

I am happy to be able to report that our bill of mortality has largely decreased from that of the preceding year. The peculiar circumstances which contributed to swell the mortality of that year will probably never again occur, so that under ordinary circumstances we shall never again be under the necessity of recording so large a number of deaths during the period of one year. There have been one hundred and ninety-four deaths during the year, which is eighty-four less than last year, and nearly twelve less than the average yearly number since the opening of the institution. One hundred and twenty-two of the one hundred and ninety-four deaths occurred among those brought in during the year in a hopelessly diseased condition, many of whom died in a few days, and some even in a few hours after their admission. That will leave only seventy-two deaths which have occurred among those who were in the house at the commencement of the year. That surely cannot be accounted a large number when we take into consideration how largely our population is made up of the diseased, the aged and infirm.

There were four foundlings in the institution at the beginning of the year, three of whom died. The remaining one still lives, and, having passed successfully through the period of den-tition, is now over one year old, goes alone, and bids as fair to live as any other child of its age. There have been twenty-six received during the year. The following table will give you the statistics concerning this class of poor unfortunates.

NAMES.	Age.	Admitted.	From.	Departure.
George Baker, . .	3 months,	Nov. 4,	Lowell, .	Died Dec. 10.
George Pringle, . .	2 "	7,	" .	Dec. 12.
John Hayford, . .	2 "	7,	Boston, .	Feb. 16.
Mary Cantrell, . .	1 "	12,	" .	Dec. 4.
Lewis Oaks, . .	1 "	18,	Cambridge, .	Nov. 22.
Church Black, . .	3 weeks, .	24,	Boston, .	Dec. 15.
Edgar Gumley, . .	3 "	Dec. 2,	" .	Feb. 22.
Pearl Price, . .	2 months,	16,	Salem, .	Apr. 29.
Leonora Winn, . .	4 days, .	22,	" .	May 29.
Robert Isser, . .	8 months,	Jan. 4,	Boston, .	- -
Delia Weidenpark, .	2 "	6,	" .	Died Jan. 19.
James Welsh, . .	5 "	19,	Chelmsford, .	June 16.
Kate Caswell, . .	1 "	Mar. 19,	Boston, .	Apr. 3.
Mary Mallows, . .	6 "	30,	" .	Apr. 29.
Alice Alloway, . .	6 "	Apr. 21,	" .	May 4.
Daniel F. Doyle, . .	6 "	23,	Salem, .	Apr. 30.
Henrietta Baptiste, .	9 days, .	27,	Boston, .	{ Taken by moth- er, Sept. 24.
Joseph N. Atkins, . .	1 month,	28,	" .	Died May 12.
Arthur Casey, . .	5 "	May 10,	" .	May 22.
Elizabeth Baldwin, .	2 "	11,	" .	June 13.
Anna Hatch, . .	5 "	12,	" .	May 18.
Henry Brown, . .	10 "	13,	" .	June 10.
John Atwood, . .	2 "	15,	" .	{ Taken by moth- er, June 1.
Daniel W. Robinson, .	4 "	Aug. 12,	" .	Died Aug. 19.
Clarence Howe, . .	2 weeks, .	Sept. 7,	Billerica, .	- -
Bernard O'Reilly, . .	3 months,	21,	Boston, .	- -

It will be seen from the above table that of the twenty-six foundlings received during the year, twenty-one have died, two have been taken away by their mothers, and three remain in the institution.

The Asylum for the Insane under the efficient superintendence of Mr. Amos K. Stevens and wife, has been through the year in a very satisfactory condition. As in former years a portion of the inmates have been employed in assisting to per-



form the labor on the farm and about the house, with manifest benefit to themselves, and a pecuniary advantage to the State. One man was discharged last February with his reason fully restored. He went to Lawrence and engaged in business, where he now remains, "clothed and in his right mind." Several have been sent to their friends during the year *improved*, and many others have been sent by the efficient agent of the Board of State Charities out of the State, and out of the country, *not improved*.

The following table will show the statistics of this department for the year.

	Totals.	Males.	Females.
Remaining in this department, Sept. 30, 1868,	264	100	164
Admitted during the year, . . . . .	155	60	95
Discharged during the year, . . . . .	107	44	63
Deaths during the year, . . . . .	36	16	20
Desertions, . . . . .	9	9	—
Whole number admitted, . . . . .	642	284	358
Whole number discharged, . . . . .	375	189	186
Remaining, September 30, 1869, . . . . .	267	94	173

You are referred to the tables marked 1, 2 and 3, appended to this Report for the statistics of disease, births and deaths, during the year.

To you, Gentlemen, and to the Superintendent, I wish to renew my expressions of gratitude for your cordial sympathy, coöperation, and support.

J. D. NICHOLS.

STATE ALMSHOUSE, TEWKSBURY, }  
 September 30, 1869. . }

TABLE No. 1.

*Showing the Diseases at the State Almshouse, Tewksbury, the Whole and Monthly Number, and the Whole and Monthly Average, from October 1, 1868, to September 30, 1869.*

DISEASES.	Total.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Amenorrhœa, . . . . .	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Anasarca, . . . . .	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Atrophy, . . . . .	10	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-
Cancer, . . . . .	10	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Debility, . . . . .	169	29	16	9	12	14	11	12	14	11	18	8	15
Dropsy, . . . . .	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fever, Bilious, . . . . .	40	2	2	4	3	5	5	2	1	5	4	6	1
" Typhoid, . . . . .	13	1	-	2	-	3	1	3	-	1	2	-	-
" Intermittent, . . . . .	7	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	-
" Scarlet, . . . . .	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Menorrhagia, . . . . .	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Ophthalmia, . . . . .	38	5	3	4	2	2	1	4	3	8	4	-	2
Parturition, . . . . .	55	5	2	5	3	5	3	6	2	5	8	6	5
Rheumatism, . . . . .	61	10	5	4	6	3	3	6	6	3	6	2	7
Scrofula, . . . . .	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
Veneral, . . . . .	93	12	9	13	7	4	5	6	5	6	11	6	9
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	15	-	2	-	4	4	-	2	2	-	1	-	-
<i>Diseases of Alimentary Canal.</i>													
Cancrum Oris, . . . . .	7	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	2
Cholera Infantum, . . . . .	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-





TABLE No. 2.

*Showing the Causes of Death, the whole Number, the Sex, the Mental Condition, the Number in each Month, and the Ages of those who have Died in the Tewksbury State Almshouse, from October 1, 1868, to September 30, 1869; also the whole Number since the opening of the Institution.*

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Total.	Sexes.		Insane Males.	Insane Females.	Total.	Months.												Total.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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TABLE No. 3.

*Showing the Number of Births in the Tewksbury State Almshouse, during each Month, from October 1, 1868, to September 30, 1869, the Sex, whether Illegitimate, Twins or Still-Born, and the Birthplace of the Mothers.*

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	ILLEGITIMATE.			Twins.	Still-Born.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHERS.				
				Males.	Females.	Total.			U. States.	Ireland.	England.	British Provinces.	Other Countries.
October, .	5	3	2	2	1	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
November, .	2	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
December, .	5	1	4	1	2	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
January, .	3	3	-	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
February, .	5	2	3	2	3	5	-	-	1	3	-	1	1
March, .	3	1	2	-	2	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
April, .	6	3	2	1	1	2	-	-	1	3	1	1	-
May, .	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
June, .	5	2	2	1	-	2	-	1	1	3	1	-	-
July, .	8	3	4	1	3	5	-	1	2	5	-	-	1
August, .	6	3	3	1	4	5	-	-	2	3	-	1	-
September, .	5	1	4	1	3	4	-	-	1	2	-	2	-
Totals, .	55	23	30	12	21	35	-	2	19	26	2	5	3